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**AMENDMENT "A" AND  
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND**

Dear Sir:

This correspondence is filed in response to the final Office action dated December 28, 2006 (Paper No./Mail Date 20061220). The shortened period for response expired on March 28, 2007, and thus, applicant hereby requests that the period for response be extended two months, up to and including May 29, 2007, which is the next business day following May 28, 2007, which fell on a Federal Holiday. Please charge the two-month extension of time fee of \$225.00 for a small entity to Deposit Account No. 501210, referencing our Docket No. 21384.44100. Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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